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GUIDELINES FOR VITRO FERTILISATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have framed guidelines for minimum bench marks for infrastructure requirements in (In Vitro Fertilisation) IVF clinics;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the guidelines are proposed to be enforced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) The ICMR with the National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) has drafted National Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervisior and Regulation of ART clinics in India. The guidelines addresses the following issues in detail:

1. Minimum Requirement of ART Clinics.

2. Screening of Patients for ART, Selection Criteria and Possible Complications.

3. Code of Practice, Ethical Considerations and Legal Issues.

4. Caution, precaution and concern about ART Practice.

5. Training and Future research prospect in ART.
6. Providing ART services to the Economically weaker section of the Society.

7 Establishing National database for Human Infertility.

8. Composition of the National Accreditation Committee.

(c) The drafts guideline has been released for public debates. After incorporating the suggestions/comments of public debates it will be submitted to the Govt. of India for instituting an appropriate mechanism for regulating ART services in the country.